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Lloyd Wilson
NYS DOH

Lloyd:

You will recall that we discussed DOH's position on the above-referenced matter at the public meeting in Hoosick a few weeks ago. At that time, we expressed deep concern as to the inaccurate approach being taken by DOH with respect to this serious matter. It was apparent that DOH's "guidance" failed to take into consideration the vast amount of information that has been developed with respect to the health effects associated with exposure to PFOA at "environmental" levels, specifically in drinking water.

The Fact Sheet issued by DOH (see attachment below) on December 18th only compounds the problems presented by DOH's earlier effort. You will recall that my law firm represents and has been working with Healthy Hoosick Water, Inc. (HHW). HHW was formed for the purpose of seeking redress for the PFOA contamination that has rendered the Village's water supply unuseable for potable purposes. HHW has been working with a host of qualified individuals from both the local area and from elsewhere in the Nation. We are fully familiar with the circumstances surrounding the Ohio Valley matter alluded to in the DOH Fact Sheet. As you should know, the Ohio Valley studies concluded that there is a causal relationship between PFOA in drinking water and the various cancers and ailments referred to in your Fact Sheet. Unfortunately your Fact Sheet omits some crucial information including the fact that the PFOA in drinking water in Hoosick exceeds those levels seen in the Ohio Valley. In fact, the levels in the Hoosick supply exceed those seen in the Ohio Valley communities by a ten-fold margin or more.

Your Fact Sheet refers to sampling undertaken by DOH. The sample results reported in the Fact Sheet were previously provided to us by the Village and we had been informed that the samples had been taken by C T Male working under contract to either the Village or Saint-Gobain. Please explain who actually took the samples.

Further, please provide to us copies of all documents, analyses, and health risk assessments of any kind that DOH has prepared or reviewed in support of the assertion that "we do not expect health effects to occur from normal use of the water." In this regard, please provide any and all data and documents of any kind possessed by DOH relating to the incidence of cancer in Hoosick Falls and surrounding communities.

In addition, please identify all DOH personnel responsible for the content of the Fact Sheet.

If you have any questions regarding the scope or meaning of any of the inquiries set forth in this email, you may reach me at virtually any time by either return email or by calling me at my mobile number 518-669-7529.

In view of the fact that the Fact Sheet was issued and distributed just a few days ago (12/18), the information requested by this email should be close at hand. Accordingly, we request and anticipate that you will provide a timely response to our requests, specifically on or before the close of business on 12/24.

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